

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 4-7, 9-14, 16-26, 29-32, 34-39, 41-50 and 54 are pending. Claims 1, 4-7, 9-14, 26, 29-32 and 34-39 have been allowed. Please cancel claims 16-25, 41-50 and 54 without prejudice or disclaimer and amend claim 12 as shown. No new matter is introduced.

Claim Rejections

Claims 16-25, 41-50 and 54 were rejected on new grounds in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,568,573 to Wada et al. ("Wada"). Specifically, these claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,600,579 to Kumagai et al. ("Kumagai") in view of Wada.

Claims 16-25, 41-50 and 54 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, rendering their rejection moot. Applicant respectfully requests that the respective rejections be withdrawn. Applicant reserves the right to pursue these canceled claims in a continuing application.

Claim 12 has been amended to correct a typographical error. The word "love" has been amended to read "move."

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 4-7, 9-14, 26, 29-32 and 34-39 have been allowed.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the application is hereby placed in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION

For at least the above-stated reasons, this application is respectfully asserted to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable examination on the merits is requested. In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate the examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

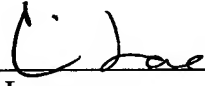
AUTHORIZATION

While no fees or extension of time are believed necessary for this Amendment, should an extension of time be required for the timely submission of this paper, such extension is hereby petitioned, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4801.

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